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SUBJ: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FORMED IN NORTHWEST FRONTIER

REF: KARACHI 667

1. TWO DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT OF THREE- MAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN BALUCHISTAN (KARACHI REFTEL), THIRTEEN MEMBER PRO- GOVERNMENT COALITION CABINET FORMED IN NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE APRIL 29, SOME TWO AND HALF MONTHS AFTER RESIGNATION OF PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT IN PROTEST AGAINST SACKING OF NAP GOVERNOR. FRONTIER COALITION GOVERNMENT HEADED BY UNITED FRONT CHIEF MINISTER (GANDAPORE) WITH TWELVE MINISTERSHIPS DIVIDED BETWEEN UNITED FRONT (SIX PORTFOLIOS), QAIYUM PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE (FOUR) AND PEOPLES' PARTY (TWO). ASLAM KHATTAK OF UNITED FRONT CONTINUES AS GOVERNOR WHILE GANDAPORE HAS REPLACED KHATTAK AS LEADER OF COALITION.

2. COALITION CLAIMS 21 VOTES WITH TWO ADDITIONAL
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" FELLOW- TRAVELERS" AS THEY WERE DESCRIBED BY GOVERNOR

KHATTAK. OPPOSITION NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY/ JAMIATUL-
ULEMA- I- ISLAM COALITION NOW REDUCED IN STRENGTH TO
EIGHTEEN FOLLOWING DEATH OF ONE NAP ASSEMBLY MEMBER
AND DECISION OF ELECTION COMMISSION APRIL 26 TO OVER-
TURN 1970 ELECTION ONE JUI MEMBER. ADDITIONALLY, ONE
NAP MEMBER (JILANI) CURRENTLY JAILED AND QUESTIONABLE
WHETHER ANOTHER WHO IS SISTER OF GOVERNOR WOULD SUPPORT
NAP IN CHALLENGE AGAINST HIS MINISTRY.

3. COMMENT: KHATTAK AND HIS UNITED FRONT HAVE HELD
KEY POSITION IN FRONTIER PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY.
INTENSIVE HORSE TRADING SINCE KHATTAK' S DESERTION OF
NAP/ JUI COALITION IN FEBRUARY SEEMS TO HAVE GONE IN
KHATTAK' S FAVOR AS EVINCED BY FACT HIS SUPPORTERS HAVE
BEEN GIVEN CHIEF MINISTERSHIP PLUS SIX OF TWELVE MINISTER-
SHIPS.
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